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Message from the Councilmember...

The following appeared in the *Voice of San Diego* blog on Tuesday, August 28th. To view this and other blogs, visit the online publication at www.voiceofsandiego.org.

On Thursday evening, August 23, 2007, the Mayor's City Charter Review Committee held a meeting, but hardly anyone noticed. There was only one member of the press there, and a few members of the public, which was too bad, because important issues were being discussed. One significant item was a proposed action to approve language forwarded by the Financial Reform Subcommittee regarding the city auditor.

Specifically, the action was to allow the Mayor to nominate the City Auditor in consultation with the Audit Committee, confirmation by the City Council, and termination by the Audit Committee with appeal rights to the full Council. Think of this as a hybrid between the process we used to have and the process we currently use.

Under the council-manager form of governance, the City Auditor was elected by the City Council for an indefinite term. That didn't work out so well.

Under the current strong mayor trial form of governance, the Mayor appoints and can fire the City Auditor, with appeal rights to the City Council. That didn't work out so well either. (If you recall, it was shortly after then-auditor, John Torell, was asked by management to change some key text in the conclusions section of the *2007 Annual Report on Internal Controls* to make things appear better than they actually were, that he resigned.)

In fact, we still don't have a City Auditor (although sometimes Jay Goldstone is the acting City Auditor, but only when he isn't the Chief Financial Officer or the acting Chief Operating Officer).

Given that both options have been tried, with less than stellar results, it makes sense that the next City Auditor should be elected by the people. But that's not what the Subcommittee majority was recommending. I wondered why not, and after sitting and listening to the Mayor's Charter Review Committee's comments, I think I heard the answer; the Mayor needs to work with the City Auditor so he should get to choose someone he likes. Interesting, but not very compelling.

Before the meeting, I decided to see what the experts had to say about City Auditors, and whether or not "best practices" supported management appointing the City Auditor. I asked the Association of Local Government Auditors (ALGA) and as it turns out, they have a lot of good information including **Model Legislation Guidelines for Local Government Auditors, Third Edition 2007** at <http://www.governmentauditors.org/images/stories/reports/Legislation.PDF>.

This model includes two options for choosing a City Auditor; by election of the people or by appointment of the legislative body. It does not include a recommendation to have the Mayor (management) appoint the City Auditor.

The reason for this is simple - auditor independence. According to Jay Poole, who is the Advocacy Committee Chair for ALGA, *"The most significant threat to auditor independence and public accountability...is the question of who hires and who fires the city auditor."* Generally Accepted Government Audit Standards define *"independence as independence from management, in this case the city manager/mayor,"* says Poole.

That makes sense, since it is management's numbers and financial internal controls that will be audited. So what do you think? Would the public interest best be served by a City Auditor who is:

Elected by the people?
Appointed by the city council?
Appointed by the mayor with city council confirmation?

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JOIN US AT THE 8TH ANNUAL SERRA MESA FAIR!



We know you've waited all year for this...and it's finally here!

The 8th Annual Serra Mesa Fair will be held on Saturday, September 8 from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm, and as always there is lots to do for the whole family!

The Serra Mesa Community Council proudly sponsors this event, which features rides, live music, family-friendly entertainment and of course food, food and food!



The event will be held on the corner of Sandrock Road and Greyling Drive. For more information, please call (858) 565-2473 or email streetfair@serramesa.org.

See you there!

Twilight in the Park Concert Series – Better Than Ever!

The *Twilight in the Park Summer Concert Series* has been a mainstay at Balboa Park Organ Pavilion for 27 years. During this time, organizers have offered free concerts to the community, mostly using small annual donations from the audience. All committee members and performers volunteer their time and talent for the listeners' enjoyment. Over the past few years, organizers have tapped into a variety of new performers, allowing the community to hear an array of sounds from Dixieland Jazz, bi-national Mambo and Klezmer music, to Country Western, Rock 'n Roll, Barbershop Quartets, Swing, Mariachi and even German Polka, just to name a few. Some groups bring dancers and inspire the audience to dance themselves!

With this variety however, came more responsibility, and it became increasingly difficult for volunteers and Park staff to handle the complexity of setting up sound systems and stages. Thus, to improve the experience for audience members and continue this wonderful event, the Concert Committee decided it was time to hire a sound technician.



Councilmembers and concert committee members at the Organ Pavilion, before a wonderful concert from the Navy Band.



The Concert Committee found that providing the funding for their first paid position was becoming a challenge, but thanks to Councilmember Frye efforts to get the ball rolling and funding from Councilmember Atkins, the two councilmembers happily presented the Concert Committee with a check on August 15 for \$1,500 to help with their new employee!

The Series ran from June 19 through August 30, on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings from 6:15 to 7:15 pm on the stage of the Organ Pavilion.

For more information or to learn how you can help keep this tradition alive, visit www.balboapark.org and choose the link "Twilight in the Park-Final Nights!"



SeaWorld San Diego Electronic Recycling Event

Protect the Environment

and Save Animals



When:

Saturday, Sept. 15
8 a.m. to noon

Proceeds benefit the
SeaWorld® & Busch Gardens®
Conservation Fund

Where:

SeaWorld's east parking lot,
with convenient access via
SeaWorld Drive

For best directions visit our Web site
at SeaWorldSanDiego.com

What: Bring your ... computers, TVs, cell phones, monitors, laptops and more.

We will not accept household and car batteries, items containing mercury, fluorescent light bulbs, washer/dryers, refrigerators, and other large home appliances.

Why: This recycling event will not only help protect the environment, but proceeds will benefit the SeaWorld & Busch Gardens Conservation Fund. A non-profit foundation, the Fund has granted more than \$3.5 million to organizations around the world to preserve endangered wildlife; rescue ill, orphaned and injured animals; and support a wide range of conservation, education and research efforts.

This state-wide drop-off event is open to all CA residents.*

Participants will receive a coupon for \$10 off general admission (good for up to six guests) to SeaWorld San Diego valid through Dec. 25, 2007, plus, a \$10 Lowe's Gift Card. Limit one coupon and gift card per car.

For more information visit SeaWorldSanDiego.com

*Proof of CA residency required.



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NATIONAL PUBLIC LANDS DAY

On Saturday, September 29, 2007, the country will celebrate *National Public Lands Day* - the volunteer effort to improve and enhance the public lands Americans enjoy.

National Public Lands Day began in 1994 with three federal agencies and 700 volunteers. Today, nine federal agencies and many state and local organizations participate in this annual day of caring for shared lands.

In 2006, 100,000 volunteers built trails and bridges, planted trees and plants, and removed trash and invasive plants!

The event's San Diego focus is our own Ruffin Canyon in Serra Mesa, so join us for the 14th annual *National Public Lands Day*! To learn more about volunteer opportunities, contact Monica Fuentes from the Friends of Ruffin Canyon at (858) 268-0106.

CONGRATULATIONS SHELLY WARNER 2007 teacher of the year!

Shelly Warner, Clairemont resident, has been named 2007 Teacher of the Year by her peers. She has been teaching since 1999 and is currently teaching at Pacific Beach Elementary School. Warner has a Masters Degree in Educational Technology.

Warner loves her job and enjoys learning new things with her students. "It never gets boring," she said. "Every day is different and exciting."

Being in the teaching profession is a challenge, but one that she would not trade for anything.

"I have great faith in public education," says Warner. "Every day, I work with dedicated professionals who are passionate about their work - and it shows."

Warner teaches third grade students this year, but for the past three years taught fourth and fifth grade students. She also works with new teachers as a support provider for Beginning

Teacher Support and Assessment (BTSA), and was a presenter at the new teacher orientation for the San Diego Unified School District.

Warner carries on a long tradition of teaching; her mother, brother and both her brother and sister-in-law are teachers. "Working with children and teaching runs in the family," said Warner.

In addition to her family of students, Warner is married to Hank Warner, noted surfboard designer and shaper and surfing legend. They have two children, Wyatt and Rhett.

Councilmember Frye officially declared September 3rd **Shelly Warner Day** in District Six. Congratulations Shelly and thanks for everything you do!!!



Pool Closure Schedule

To perform necessary maintenance on public pools citywide, the Park & Recreation Department has released a schedule for pool closures from October 2007 to May 2008. The following District Six pools will be closed for maintenance during these times:

Kearny Mesa Pool (at the Kearny Mesa Rec Center) will be closed: February 1 through 29, March 1 through 31 and April 1 through 20.

Clairemont Pool (located at South Clairemont Rec Center) will be closed May 5 through 25.

For more information, please call your local pool (see phone numbers on page 7) or visit the City park system website site at www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/aquatics.



Clairemont Advocate Pete Stipp Receives Park Honor

On August 16, the City's Park & Recreation Board approved naming the senior field at East Clairemont Park in honor of late Clairemont advocate, Pete Stipp. Many of the Board members knew Pete well and were pleased to be able to name Pete Stipp Memorial Field to celebrate his longtime dedication and valuable contributions to Clairemont and all of San Diego.

Pete served on the Clairemont Town Council, the North and South Clairemont Recreation Councils and the Friends of the Park & Recreation Board. His contributions continue to positively affect the lives of Clairemont community members each day.

We thank Pete and his family for all they have done, and congratulate them on this wonderful honor.



Councilmember Frye presenting Pete with a commendation in 2003.

How We Spent Our Summer Vacation...

During legislative recess, our office performed cleanups in the District Six communities and drove through our neighborhood streets to identify sidewalk and street repairs to add to the city's priority list.

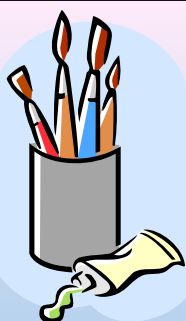
In addition to cleaning portions of Mission Bay Park and Morena Blvd, we also prepared a list of much-needed improvements to our neighborhood streets. We look forward to seeing some of the improvements in the near future and urge you to call our office if you find any needed sidewalk and street repairs. Together, we can make our communities even more beautiful!



(Pictured on the left, from left to right) Chief of Staff Steve Hadley; Linda Vista Rep. Pari Sanati; Councilmember Frye; Clairemont Reps. Keith Corry and Mary Ann Kempczenski; Intern, Jafar Geranssayeh; and Serra Mesa Rep. Kristin Camper-Wozniak. (Mission Valley Rep. Lisa Gonzalez served as our photographer for the day, so she is not shown.)



SENIOR ARTS & CRAFTS SALE



The Park & Recreation Department and Senior Citizens Services proudly present the Senior Art & Crafts Sale on Sunday, October 21, 2007 from 9:30 am to 4:00 pm at Casa Del Prado in Balboa Park, rooms 102 and 103 (located off Park Blvd., on Village Place).

This event is free to the public and \$14 per table for crafters! Registration for Seniors (50 and older) is already open. All other crafters may begin registering on September 17. The deadline for both groups to register for a table is October 5. To reserve your spot, please call (619) 236-6905.

Find the perfect holiday gift at this annual Arts & Crafts sale! For more information about this event, please call (619) 236-6905.



Visit the Libraries in September and See...

North Clairemont Branch
4616 Clairemont Drive, 92117
(858) 581-9931

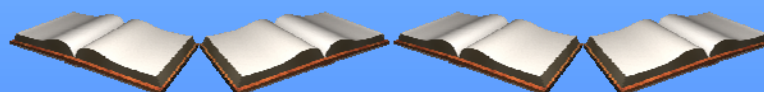
Family Storytime
Wednesdays at 6:45 pm

Preschool Storytime
Thursdays at 10:30 am

Friends of North Clairemont Library Book Sale
Saturday, September 8, 9:30 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Adult Program:
Healthy Eating for Healthy Aging. Free Nutrition Class presented by Marcia Katz, B.A., CCN, Certified Nutritionist. Learn how diet may affect health and what foods can assist in bringing the body back into balance. Wednesday, September 19, 6:30 pm – 7:30 pm.

Monthly After-School Craft Program:
Wednesday, September 19, 4:00-4:45 pm. Suitable for ages four and up.



Mission Valley
2123 Fenton Parkway, 92108
(858) 573-5007

Special Events

Author Talk: Leslie Cohen, Friday, Sept. 14
3:00 pm

All ages are invited to attend this talk with author Leslie Cohen. Ms. Cohen will be discussing her book, *Trapped Inside the Story*, which tells the tale of a teenage girl stranded alone and penniless at the beginning of the Holocaust.

Ballet Folklorico Xochitl, Saturday, Sept. 15
11:30 am

Ballet Folklorico Xochitl will perform in celebration of Mexican Independence Day. Attendees will be treated to a colorful program featuring the dances and costumes of Jalisco, Veracruz, and Chiapas. All ages are invited to attend this family program.

Author Talk: Amy Wallen, Saturday, Sept. 22
11:30 am

All ages are invited to attend this talk with author Amy Wallen. Ms. Wallen is the author of *MoonPies and MovieStars*, which follows the adventures of a feisty Texas momma on a mission to fetch her wayward daughter from Hollywood.



Important Phone Numbers

Abandoned Vehicles	858-495-7856
Animal Regulation	619-236-4250
Beach & Bay Advisory	619-338-2073
Birth and Death Records	619-237-0502
Brush Abatement	619-533-4444
Building Permits	619-446-5000
Buses/MTS Access	619-233-3004
Canyon Watchers Program	858-292-6484
City Council Docket Info	619-533-4000
City Directory	619-236-5555
Community Service Center	858-581-4111
Code Violations	619-236-5500
Curb Maintenance	619-527-7500
Dead Animal Removal	858-694-7000
Dog Licenses	619-767-2675
Fire Stations	619-533-4300
Graffiti	619-525-8522
Hazardous Materials Hotline	858-694-7000
Housing Commission	619-231-9400
Humane Society	619-299-7012
Libraries	
Balboa	858-573-1390
Clairemont	858-581-9935
Linda Vista	858-573-1399
North Clairemont	858-581-9931
Serra Mesa	858-573-1396
Litter Control	858-492-5010
Noise Regulation	619-236-5500
Office of Small Business	619-236-6700
Park and Recreation	619-525-8213
Parking Citations	619-236-7145
Police: Non-Emergency	619-531-2000
Pot Hole Hotline	619-527-7500
Recreation Centers	
Kearny Mesa	858-573-1387
Linda Vista	858-573-1392
North Clairemont	858-581-9926
Serra Mesa	858-573-1408
South Clairemont	858-581-9924
Tecolote	858-581-9930
Recycling Hotline	858-694-7000
Senior Citizens Services	619-236-6905
Serra Mesa Community Connection	858-565-2473
Sewer Repair/Spills	619-515-3525
Sidewalk Maintenance	619-527-7500
Stormwater Pollution Hotline	619-235-1000
Street Lights	619-527-7500
Street Sweeping	619-527-7500
Traffic Control	619-533-3126
Tree Maintenance	619-527-7500
Water Emergency	619-515-3525
Water Utilities	619-515-3500
Zoning Regulation Info	619-236-5555

District Six Community Meetings

Balboa Avenue Citizens Advisory Committee

Place: Clairemont Community Service Center
4731 Clairemont Drive
When: 4th Wednesday/Month
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Clairemont Town Council

Place: Clairemont High School Cafeteria
4150 Ute Drive
When: 1st Thursday/Month
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Clairemont Mesa Planning Committee

Place: Clairemont Friendship Senior Center
4425 Bannock Ave.
When: 3rd Tuesday/Month
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Kearny Mesa Planning Group

Place: Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library
9005 Aero Drive
When: 3rd Wednesday/Month
Time: 12:00 p.m.

Linda Vista Civic Association

Place: Baha'i Center
6545 Alcalá Knolls Drive
When: 3rd Thursday/Month
Time: 6:30 p.m.

Linda Vista Community Planning Committee

Place: Linda Vista Library
2160 Ulric Street
When: 4th Monday/Month
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Mission Bay Park Committee

Place: Rotating Venue
When: 1st Tuesday/Month
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Mission Valley Community Council

Place: Mission Valley Library
2123 Fenton Parkway
When: 3rd Wednesday/Odd Months
Time: 6:00 p.m.

Mission Valley Unified Planning Committee

Place: Mission Valley Library
2123 Fenton Parkway
When: 1st Wednesday/Month
Time: 12:00 p.m.

Serra Mesa Community Council

Place: Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library
9005 Aero Drive
When: 4th Wednesday/Month
Time: 7:00 p.m.

Serra Mesa Planning Group

Place: Serra Mesa-Kearny Mesa Library
9005 Aero Drive
When: 3rd Thursday/Month
Time: 7:00 p.m.



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FRYE LIGHTS: CELEBRATING THE DISTRICT SIX SPIRIT



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"Frye Lights" box at www.sandiego.gov/cd6!